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### HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

Paid-up Capital, 5,000,000 Dollars.  
Reserve Fund, 1,000,000 Dollars.

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## HONGKONG.

INTEREST ALLOWED.  
ON Current Deposit Account at the rate of 1 per cent. per annum on the daily balance.  
For Fixed Deposits:—  
For 3 months, 2 per cent. per annum.  
" 6 " 4 per cent. " "  
" 12 " 5 per cent. " "

LOCAL BILLS DISCOUNTED.  
Credits granted on approved Securities, and every description of Banking and Exchange business transacted.  
Drafts, granted on London, and the chief Commercial places in Europe, India, Australia, America, China and Japan.  
T. JACKSON, Chief Manager.  
Offices of the Corporation,  
No. 1, Queen's Road East,  
Hongkong, February 27, 1878.

## To Let.

### TO BE LET.

With Possession from 31st Instant.  
THAT Portion of No. 37, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL, known as "THE MEDICAL HALL."  
For particulars, apply to  
TURNER & Co.  
Hongkong, May 17, 1878. jcl7

## TO LET.

THE MIDDLE FLOOR of No. 20, PRAYA CENTRAL, consisting of 4 Rooms, Commodore's and Boy's Room, Cook House, &c.  
For particulars, apply to  
W. B. SPERRATT & Co.  
Hongkong, May 16, 1878. my80

## TO LET.

THE Dwelling House No. 6, Mosque Terrace, possession from 15th April next.  
Three Offices, in Club Chambers.  
Apply to  
DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & Co.  
Hongkong, March 4, 1878.

## TO LET.

HOUSE No. 9, Queen's Road Central, with Godown attached.  
Houses No. 2, and 3, Seymour Terrace.  
DAVID HARRISON, SON & Co.  
Hongkong, January 4, 1878.

## TO LET.

SUBSTANTIALLY-BUILT BUNGALOW on SHAMSHUI, in Canton. Possession May 1st.  
Apply to  
ABRAHAM HARRISON.  
Hongkong, May 9, 1878.

## For Sale.

### LAMBERT, ATKINSON & CO.

## HAVE FOR SALE.

VEYRON'S FRENCH COFFEE MACHINES, Assorted Sizes, New System, with Automatic Lamp.  
COFFEE ROASTERS, and COFFEE MILLS.  
SETS OF GARDENING UTENSILS.  
GENTS' TOOL CHESTS.  
MASSEY'S PATENT LOGS.  
METALLIC MEASURING TAPES, in strong Leather Cases.  
SPIRIT LEVELS. HAMMERS.  
DOG COLLARS and CHAINS.  
SAILORS' SEWING and ROPING PAIR.  
COFFER SIGNAL LAMPS, and MAST-HEAD LAMPS, fitted with Dioptric Lenses according to the latest Admiralty regulations.  
DIOPTRIC LENSES for Signal Lamps.  
PORTHOLE GLASSES, assorted sizes.

## BOOKS.

TRAVELLER'S GUIDE BOOKS.  
LETTIS DIARIES, for 1878.  
NOVELS, SCHOOL BOOKS.  
WORKS OF REFERENCE and GIFT BOOKS.  
SHEET MUSIC and SONGS.  
IMPERIAL TRACING PAPER.  
ROBERTS' CELEBRATED CUTLERY.  
MAYNARD'S SOISSORS.  
MANIFOLD WRITERS.  
LETTER SCALES.  
STATIONERY OF ALL KINDS.  
BROWN WRAPPING PAPER.  
CARD-BOARD, Assorted Colours.  
DATE RACKS. INVOICE FILES.  
QUILL PEN-MAKING MACHINES.  
UNDERWOOD'S BLACK WRITING INK. MAUVE INK.  
MAYNARD & NOYES' WRITING and COPYING INK.  
MUCILAGE, &c., &c., &c.  
KELLY & WALSH'S  
CELEBRATED SMOKING MIXTURE, and  
HAPPY THOUGHT TOBACCO.

Very Fine MANILA CIGARS, CIGARETTES, &c., &c.  
BARCLAY & PERKINS' PORTER, in Hhds. and Kilderkins.  
Finest CHERBOURG BUTTER, in Bottles.  
Hongkong, May 6, 1878.

### CHINA SUGAR REFINING COMPANY, LIMITED.

## THIS REFINERY MANUFACTURES

LOAF SUGAR, (in 5, 10, and 15 lbs. Loaves).  
Cut and Powdered LOAF SUGAR.  
CUBE SUGAR (Lyle's Patent), shortly.  
CRYSTALLIZED SUGAR, mark C. S. R. (in diamond) A IIII.  
FINE WHITE SUGAR, mark C. S. R. (in diamond) A IIII.  
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COFFEE SUGAR, mark C. S. R. (in diamond) B I.  
GOLDEN SYRUP, SYRUP, and MOLASSES.  
SPIRITS or WINE and LAMP SPIRIT.  
RUM, 45°, 50°, O. P., and Naval.  
ANIMAL CHARCOAL and DUST.  
AMMONIACAL LIQUOR, from Bones.  
BONE TAR (a preventive of white ants).  
ROUGH BONE TALLOW.

Packed in Quantities and Packages to suit Customers.

Particulars and Prices on application to  
THE MANAGERS,  
CHINA SUGAR REFINING Co., LIMITED,  
East Point, Hongkong. 365  
March 5, 1878.

## COAL.

BEST QUALITY CARDIFF STEAM COAL for Sale, ex Godown.

Apply to  
BATTLES & Co.  
Hongkong, December 5, 1877.

## FOR SALE.

THE 90 A 1 BRITISH STEAMSHIP "ARGENTINO,"  
515 Tons Register (1428 Tons Gross).  
For Particulars, apply to the Captain on Board.  
Hongkong, May 4, 1878. jcl4

## NOW READY.

A CHINESE DICTIONARY IN THE CANTONESE DIALECT. Parts I. and II., A to M, with Introduction. Royal 8vo., pp. 404.—By ERNEST JOHN EITZ, Ph.D. Tubingen.  
Price: Five Dollars, or Two Dollars and a Half per Part.

To be had from Messrs LANE, CRAWFORD & Co., Hongkong and Shanghai; and Messrs KELLY & WALSH, Shanghai.  
Hongkong, March 1, 1878.

## For Sale.

### FOR SALE.

ICE CHESTS, THE LATEST AMERICAN IMPROVEMENT.  
ICE PAILS, Plates and Tongs.  
AMERICAN PORCELAIN-LINED ICE PITCHERS.  
POCKET SIPHONIAS, WEIGH ONLY 12 OUNCES.  
AUTOMATON UMBRELLAS.  
The New BROWN and BLACK FELT HATS.  
SUMMER STRAW HATS.  
FORD'S EUREKA SHIRTS, COLLARS ATTACHED.  
REMINGTON MATCH RIFLES.  
SHORT SNIDERS, with SWORD BAYONETS.  
NEW STYLES IN FRENCH BRACES.  
Very Fine MANILA CIGARS, \$9.50 per Box of 500.  
AIR CUSHIONS and BEDS.  
SWIMMING BELTS.  
THIN SILK SCARVES for Summer.  
Light French SUMMER BOOTS and SHOES.  
A Large Collection of OLEOGRAPHS.  
COIR DOOR MATS, in all Sizes.  
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BARON LIEBIG'S FOOD for ADULTS, a complete substitute for COD LIVER OIL.  
BARON LIEBIG'S FOOD for INFANTS—out of 1,000 Children fed on this Food, the mortality in one year amounted to only Four Deaths, and these were hopeless, or nearly so, before being put on this Food diet.  
The New Food Warmer, THE MOTHER'S FRIEND, keeps Food Warm for 12 hours.  
FRENCH COFFEE MACHINES.  
MAPLE SYRUP.  
FRUIT and LIME-JUICE SYRUPS.

### LANE, CRAWFORD & Co.

Hongkong, May 9, 1878.

## SAYLE & Co.

GREAT REDUCTION in the PRICE of Plain Coloured GLACE SILKS. For a short time only. We shall offer VARIOUS COLOURS at one uniform Price, 60 Cents per Yard, some slightly soiled but all admirably suited for Summer Wear, Evening Dresses or Undergarments. Our usual Price for these Goods is \$1.25 per Yard.  
GREAT REDUCTION in the Price of JAPANESE POPLINS. All these Goods will be offered very Cheap, from 15 Cents per Yard.

OUR SUMMER STOCK IS COMPLETED, NOVELTIES IN EVERY DEPARTMENT.  
WHITE DRESS GOODS, in Endless VARIETY.  
WHITE and COLOURED MUSLINS.  
PRINTED FRENCH CAMBRICS.  
COLOURED GRENADINES.  
UNTRIMMED STRAW HATS, and BONNETS.  
PARIS TRIMMED HATS, and BONNETS.  
NEW FEATHERS, FLOWERS, RIBBONS, LACES and LACE GOODS.

BABY LINEN and LADIES' UNDERCLOTHING.  
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FINE WHITE FLANNELS, made specially for Summer Wear.  
FINE INDIA LONG CLOTHS.  
EMBROIDERIES.  
DRESS-MAKING and MILLINERY.  
SAYLE & Co., VICTORIA EXCHANGE, Queen's Road, and Stanley Street. [my24]

## Auctions.

### PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned has received instructions to sell by Public Auction, on  
MONDAY,  
the 27th May, 1878, at Noon, on the Premises,—

All that PIECE or PARCEL OF GROUND, situated near the No. 2 Police Station, East Point, and Registered in the Land Office as Inland Lot No. 483, Containing 5,000 Square Feet, together with the 6 Houses built thereon.  
TERMS OF SALE.—One-half of the purchase money to be paid on the fall of the hammer, and the balance on completion of the Deed of Transfer, the expenses of which to be paid by the purchaser, and the property to be at the risk of the purchaser from the fall of the hammer.  
J. M. ARMSTRONG,  
Auctioneer.  
Hongkong, May 15, 1878. my27

### PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned has received instructions to sell by Public Auction, on  
MONDAY,  
the 27th May, 1878, at 12.30 p.m., on the Premises,—

All those PIECES or PARCELS OF GROUND, situated in Fook-hing Lane, Jardine's Bazaar, East Point, and Registered in the Land Office as Inland Lots Nos. 317, 319, 453, 459, and 460.  
For further particulars, apply to the Undersigned.  
TERMS OF SALE.—One-half of the purchase money to be paid on fall of the hammer, and the balance on completion of the Deed of Transfer, the expenses of which to be paid by the purchaser, and the property to be at the risk of the purchaser from the fall of the hammer.  
J. M. ARMSTRONG,  
Auctioneer.  
Hongkong, May 16, 1878. my27

## DENTAL NOTICE.

D. R. ROGERS begs to intimate to his Friends that he is about to visit SHANGHAI, and will be absent from Hongkong from April 1st to June 15th.  
Hongkong, March 4, 1878.

## Intimations.

### CHINA SUGAR REFINING COMPANY, LIMITED.

IN Accordance with the Articles of Association, the FIRST MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in the above Company will be held at the Office of the Under-signed at 3 p.m., on TUESDAY, 28th Instant.

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.,  
General Agents.  
Hongkong, May 17, 1878. my28

### THE EQUITABLE LIFE ASSURANCE SOCIETY OF THE UNITED STATES.

HENRY B. HYDE, President.  
J. W. ALEXANDER, Vice-President.  
SAMUEL BORROW, Secretary.  
A. A. HAYES, Jr., General Manager, for China and Japan.

PRINCIPAL OFFICE,  
120, BROADWAY, NEW YORK.

Assets, \$31,700,000  
Surplus, \$5,500,000

THE Undersigned having been appointed Agents in Hongkong, China, for the above Company, are prepared to accept Risks at greatly reduced rates and upon terms very favourable to the assured.  
For full information and particulars, apply to  
OLYPHANT & Co.,  
Agents.  
Hongkong, January 21, 1878.

### W. BALL, CHINA DISPENSARY.

IMPORTER OF DRUGS, CHEMICALS, DRUGGISTS' Sundries, TOILET REQUISITES, PATENT MEDICINES and PERFUMES.

Prescriptions Dispensed with Carefulness, and Prompt Attention.

PRAYA WEST, HONGKONG,  
Near the Canton Steamer's Wharf.  
Hongkong, July 12, 1876.

## NOTICE.

### PACIFIC MAIL STEAMSHIP Co.

THE DEPARTURE of the Company's Steamer "CITY OF PEKING" is unavoidably POSTPONED until further notice.

RUSSELL & Co.,  
Agents.  
Hongkong, May 20, 1878. my27

### OCCIDENTAL & ORIENTAL S. S. COMPANY.

## NOTICE.

THE S. S. "BELGIO" will be despatched for SAN FRANCISCO via YOKOHAMA, on MONDAY, the 27th Instant, at 3 p.m., instead of at the time previously notified.

G. B. EMORY,  
Agent.  
Hongkong, May 20, 1878. my28

### OCCIDENTAL & ORIENTAL S. S. COMPANY.

## NOTICE.

SHIPPERS of PARCELS are notified that, hereafter NO PARCELS will be received at the Company's Office on the days of Sailing of Steamers.

G. B. EMORY,  
Agent.  
Hongkong, May 20, 1878. my28

## Shipping.

### Steamers.

FOR YOKOHAMA & HIOGO.  
The Steamship "EGEAN" is shortly expected from Singapore, and will be despatched as above.  
For Freight, &c., apply to  
HOLLIDAY, WISE & Co.,  
Agents.  
Hongkong, May 16, 1878. my28

### FOR SYDNEY & MELBOURNE (DIRECT).

Taking Cargo and Passengers for all Australian and New Zealand Ports.  
The Australian Steam Navigation Co.'s Steamship "OCEAN" due here on the 28th Instant, will load New Teas at Foochow as above, and receive prompt despatch.  
For Freight or Passage, apply to  
Messrs RUSSELL & Co.,  
Foochow.  
Or, GEO. R. STEVENS & Co.,  
Agents.  
Hongkong, May 10, 1878.

## Shipping.

### Steamers.

FOR MANILA.  
The Spanish Steamer "SORSOGON," LOPEZ, Master, will have quick despatch for the above Port.

For Freight or Passage, apply to  
VOGEL, HAGEDORN & Co.  
Hongkong, May 20, 1878.

## NOTICE.

### COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.

#### PAQUEBOT POSTE FRANCAIS.

The Company's Steamship "VOLGA," Commandant ROMAND, will be despatched for YOKOHAMA shortly after the arrival of the next French Mail from Europe.

H. de FOUBY,  
Agent.  
Hongkong, May 18, 1878.

## NOTICE.

### COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.

#### PAQUEBOT POSTE FRANCAIS.

The Company's Steamship "YANG-TSE," Commandant RAPATTE, will be despatched for SHANGHAI shortly after her arrival from Europe.

H. de FOUBY,  
Agent.  
Hongkong, May 18, 1878.

## Sailing Vessels.

### FOR SYDNEY (DIRECT.)

The A 1 British Bark "HELENS," INKSTER, Master, having the greater part of her Cargo engaged, will have quick despatch.

For Freight or Passage, apply to  
CARLOWITZ & Co.  
Hongkong, May 17, 1878. jcl7

### FOR LONDON.

The A 1 British Bark "DEVANA," W. MAY, Master, will load here and have quick despatch.

For Freight, apply to  
MEYER & Co.  
Hongkong, May 1, 1878. jcl

### FOR HONOLULU.

The A 1 American Bark "FRANK MARION," ELDREDGE, Master, will load for the above Port, and have quick despatch.

For Freight, apply to  
RUSSELL & Co.  
Hongkong, May 15, 1878. jcl6

### FOR SAN FRANCISCO.

The A 1 American Ship "GREAT ADMIRAL," BEN. THOMPSON, Master, having the greater portion of her Cargo engaged, will be despatched to the above port on June 6th.

For Freight, apply to  
RUSSELL & Co.  
Hongkong, May 15, 1878. jcl6

### FOR SAN FRANCISCO.

The A 1 American Ship "TITAN," B. F. BERRY, Master, will load here for the above Port, and have quick despatch.

For Freight, apply to  
RUSSELL & Co.  
Hongkong, April 20, 1878. jcl6

### FOR NEW YORK.

The A 1 American Bark "H. G. JOHNSON," CONNOR, Master, will load here for the above Port, and will have quick despatch.

For Freight, apply to  
VOGEL, HAGEDORN & Co.  
Hongkong, May 20, 1878.

### FOR SAN FRANCISCO.

The A 1 American Bark "P. J. CARLETON," AMESBURY, Master, will load here for the above Port, and will have quick despatch.

For Freight, apply to  
VOGEL, HAGEDORN & Co.  
Hongkong, April 8, 1878.

### FOR LONDON.

The A 1 American ship "ELIANO," BARNARD, Master, will have quick despatch for the above Port.

For Freight, apply to  
VOGEL, HAGEDORN & Co.  
Hongkong, April 1, 1878.



## NOTICES OF FIRMS.

**NOTICE.**  
MR. WILLIAM HENRY HARTON, JR., is this Day admitted a PARTNER in our Firm.  
GILMAN & Co.  
Hongkong and Foochow,  
May 1, 1878. je1

**NOTICE.**  
THE Interest and Responsibility of Mr. EDWARD CUNNINGHAM in our Firm in Hongkong and China, CEASED on the 31st December last.  
RUSSELL & Co.  
China, March 8, 1878. se8

**NOTICE.**  
THE Interest and Responsibility of Mr. M. S. GUBBAY in our Firm CEASED on the 31st December, 1877.  
DAVID SASSOON, SONS & Co.  
Shanghai, May 11, 1878. my29

**NOTICE.**  
THE PARTNERSHIP existing between Mr. JOHN G. PURDON and Mr. HENRY W. DAVIS in HONGKONG and CANTON, under the Style of PURDON & Co., is this Day DISSOLVED by mutual consent; either Partner will sign in liquidation, and the Business will be carried on by Mr. H. W. DAVIS under the Style of DAVIS & Co.  
PURDON & Co.  
China, April 30, 1878.

MR. HENRY W. DAVIS retires from, and his Interest and Responsibility CEASED in our Firm at FOOCHOW from the 30th ultimo; and Messrs JOHN ANDREW MAITLAND and EDWARD PYTE HAGUE are admitted PARTNERS therein from this Date.  
PURDON & Co.  
China, May 1, 1878.

MR. JOHN GRAEME PURDON is this Day admitted a PARTNER in our Firm.  
MAITLAND & Co.  
Shanghai, May 1, 1878.

MR. CHARLES COLE is authorised to sign our Firm pro curatore at FOOCHOW.  
PURDON & Co.  
Foochow, May 1, 1878. je13

**NOTICE.**  
THE Interest and Responsibility of the Undersigned in the Chinese Mail, 華字日報 (Wah Tse Yat Po), CEASED from the 1st August, 1877, but Debts prior to that Date will be received and paid by him.  
ORUN AYIN.  
Hongkong, April 6, 1878.

**NOTICE.**  
IN Reference to the above, the Undersigned has LEASED the Chinese Mail from the 1st August, 1877, and has engaged the services of Mr. LEONG YOOK ON, as Translator and General Manager of the newspaper, which under its new régime will be found to be, as hitherto, an excellent medium for advertising, especially as the Manager is able to devote his whole attention to the conduct of the Newspaper.  
KONG CHIM,  
Lessee of the Hongkong Chinese Mail.  
Hongkong, April 6, 1878.

## NOTICES TO CONSIGNEES.

**CONSIGNEES' NOTICE.**  
CONSIGNEES of Cargo per S. S. Maetan, from Manila, are hereby notified that their Goods are being landed and stored in the Godowns of the Undersigned at their risk and expense.  
No Fire Insurance has been effected.  
RUSSELL & Co.  
Hongkong, May 17, 1878. my24

COMPAGNIE DES MESSEAGERIES MARITIMES.

## NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

CONSIGNEES of the following Cargo are requested to send in their Bills of Lading to the Undersigned for countersignature, and take immediate delivery. This Cargo has been landed and stored at their risk and expense.  
No Fire Insurance has been effected.  
H. DU POUY,  
Agent.

Ex "Irakoudy," } from  
10 cases Wortsch, } London.

Ex "Sindh," } from  
35/38 Order, 4 cases Um- } from  
SS } brilla, } Marseilles.  
LA 67 Order, 2 cases Fire } from  
Ame, } Marseilles.  
S&C 123 Order, 1 case Um- } from  
brilla, } London.  
Hongkong, May 18, 1878.

COMPAGNIE DES MESSEAGERIES MARITIMES.

S. S. SINDH.

## NOTICE.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo per S. S. Euphrate, from London, is requested to send in their Bills of Lading to the Undersigned for countersignature, and take immediate delivery. This Cargo has been landed and stored at their risk and expense. Bills of Lading will be countersigned by the Undersigned.  
Goods remaining unclaimed after SATURDAY, the 18th Instant, at Noon, will be subject to rent and landing charges.  
No Fire Insurance has been effected.  
H. DU POUY,  
Agent.

Shanghai, May 18, 1878.

## NOTICES TO CONSIGNEES.

FROM CALCUTTA, PENANG AND SINGAPORE.

THE S. S. Historian having arrived from the above Ports, Consignees of Cargo are requested to send their Bills of Lading to the Undersigned for countersignature, and to take immediate delivery of their Goods.  
Cargo impeding the discharge will be at once landed and stored at Consignees' risk and expense.

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.  
Hongkong, May 20, 1878. my27

## NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

CONSIGNEES of the Undermentioned Cargo are hereby informed that unless the same be taken delivery of within one month from this date it will be sold to pay expenses.

Ex Argentine, 30th April, 1877, 10 Cases.  
Ex Elgin, 26th May, 1877, 8 Cases.  
W S & Co. (in diamond), 1 Box.  
JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.  
7, Queen's Road,  
Hongkong, May 4, 1878. je4

STANDARD FIRE OFFICE, LONDON.

THE Undersigned having been appointed Agents to the above Company at this Port, are prepared to grant Policies against Fire to the extent of \$40,000, on Buildings or on Goods stored therein.  
DISCOUNT 20 %  
VOGEL, HAGEDORN & Co.  
Hongkong, March 1, 1878.

## To-day's Advertisements.

FOR FOOCHOW (DIRECT.)  
The Steamship "STATE OF ALABAMA," A. K. R. Commander, will be despatched as above on SATURDAY, the 25th Instant, at Daylight.  
For Freight or Passage, apply to JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.  
Hongkong, May 22, 1878. my26

FOR SWATOW, AMOY & FOOCHOW.  
The Steamship "YESSO," Capt. S. AUSTON, will be despatched for the above Ports on SATURDAY, the 25th Instant, at Noon.  
For Freight or Passage, apply to DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & Co.  
Hongkong, May 22, 1878. my25

FOR MANILA.  
The Steamship "ESMERALDA," C. L. Master, shortly due, will have quick despatch for the above Port.  
For Freight or Passage, apply to RUSSELL & Co.  
Hongkong, May 22, 1878.

SHIP SIR HARRY PARKES, FROM LONDON.

THE above-named Vessel having arrived, Consignees of Cargo by her are requested to send in their Bills of Lading to the Undersigned for countersignature, and to take immediate delivery of their Goods.  
Cargo impeding the discharge of the Vessel will be landed and stored at Consignees' risk and expense.  
DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & Co.,  
Agents.  
Hongkong, May 22, 1878.

POLICE DEPARTMENT,  
HONGKONG, 22nd MAY, 1878.

NOTICE has been Received that BLANK CARTRIDGE FIRING will take place on the PARADE GROUND, near MURRAY BARRAOKS, at 5.30 to 6.30 P.M., 23rd, THURSDAY.

C. V. O'REAGH,  
Acting Captain Superintendent.

**NOTICE.**  
SHIPOWNERS and OTHER GENTLEMEN desirous of giving evidence or expressing their views on the subject of the "MERCHANT SHIPPING CONSOLIDATION BILL," now under the consideration of a Special Committee of the Legislative Council, are invited to notify to the Undersigned the particular Points on which they wish to be heard, in order that an opportunity may be afforded them of being in attendance when the proper time arrives.  
By Command,  
H. E. WODEHOUSE,  
Clerk of Council.

**Not Responsible for Debts.**  
Neither the Captain, the Agents, nor Owners will be Responsible for any Debts contracted by the Officers or Crew of the following Vessels, during their stay in Hongkong Harbour:—  
DEVANA, British barque, Capt. William May.—Molchers & Co.  
H. G. JOHNSON, American barque, Capt. Isaac N. Colby.—Arnhold, Karberg & Co.  
CEYLON, American barque, Captain Edward Kelly.—Olyphant & Co.  
AMERICA, British steamer, Captain J. Graham.—Briley & Co.  
DAGO, British steamer, Captain G. S. Haddock.—Meyer & Co.  
INDONESIA, German barque, Captain O. Green.—Wieler & Co.  
SIR HARRY PARKES, British ship, Capt. Chisholm.—Douglas Lapraik & Co.

**SHIPPING.**

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## General Memoranda.

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Noon.—French Mail leaves for Ports of Call and Europe.  
Noon.—Yesso leaves for Coast Ports.

MONDAY, May 27:—  
Noon.—Sale of Ground, Inland Lot No. 483, East Point.  
12.30 p.m.—Sale of Ground, Inland Lots Nos. 517, 519, 455, and 460, East Point.  
9 p.m.—Occidental & Oriental S. S. Co.'s Steamer leaves for Yokohama and San Francisco.

TUESDAY, May 28:—  
3 p.m.—Meeting of Shareholders of the China Sugar Refining Co., Limited, at Messrs J., Matheson & Co.'s office.

SATURDAY, June 1:—  
Noon.—English Mail leaves for Ports of Call and Europe.

THURSDAY, June 6:—  
Great Admiral leaves for San Francisco.

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THE CHINA MAIL.  
HONGKONG, WEDNESDAY, MAY 22, 1878.

THE Police experienced on Sunday last two exhibitions of ruffianism on the part of the Chinese criminal class which in point of audacity, determination, and savage violence, would have put to the blush the most distinguished of our Whitechapel "pats" at home. In the one instance a suspected thief, on being accosted by a European constable, armed with a revolver, staff, and whistle, flies to a pile of stones and endeavours to keep the officer at bay by a shower of these dangerous missiles. Even a couple of shots from the revolver are insufficient to cow the rascal, and it is only by a little strategy that he is got away from the pile of stones and the constable is able to come to close quarters with him. Then ensues a desperate struggle. The officer's hand is severely bitten; he loses his staff, hat, and whistle, and is obliged to throw his revolver away to prevent his assailant from turning it upon himself. At last the pair roll down a hill together, when the constable gets the better of his vicious adversary, and ties him securely to a tree, as he imagines, by his queue. The queue, however, proves to be a false one, and the "celestial" regains his liberty, but is pursued and recaptured. In the other instance a party of police surprise a gang of burglars while pursuing their nefarious operations in Bridges Street, whereupon the officers find themselves attacked with swords and other deadly weapons, and the Captain Superintendent of Police and a Sikh constable receive serious cuts across the hands, the latter also being stabbed in the arm. It is a somewhat singular circumstance that only one of the constables present on the occasion appears to have been in possession of a baton. Doubtless the events of the evening in question will impress upon the police the apparent error of their ways in taking the trouble to leave their staffs at home when setting out to capture a gang of burglars. Many people are inclined to believe that the Chinese have neither the pluck nor the ability to make an attack or defend themselves when Europeans are their opponents. This is occasionally found by bitter experience to be a mistake. The Chinaman is perhaps in a general way a peaceable being, and like all subjected or inferior races is inclined to bear much insult and possibly injury patiently, but practical records, if no others, show that only circumstances are required to make the "celestial" as daring and bloodthirsty a rascal as ever cut throats for a living.

THERE are one or two telegrams appearing among those in the latest San Francisco papers to hand that are rather significant of the risk Russia would run of a formidable insurrection springing up within her borders should she become involved in another great war with a more powerful enemy than Turkey, especially in the event of any great disaster falling upon the Muscovite cause. We allude to the advices of the political riots at St. Petersburg, Moscow and Kieff. These riots appear to have been excited mainly by the trial of a woman who had attempted to shoot the Chief of Police at St. Petersburg. The woman admitted firing at the Chief,

alleging as her motive that she had "spent the best years of her life in a dungeon because she was the friend of a relative of a conspirator, and when she had read in the newspapers that Trepow, the Chief of Police, had caused political prisoners to be flogged, she determined to do vengeance on him." Notwithstanding her admissions, and a summing up strongly against her by the Judge, she was acquitted by the Jury, a circumstance which is said to have evoked expressions of applause from both press and people. "The outbreaks at St. Petersburg, Moscow and Kieff," the telegram adds, "which followed the news of the woman's trial, are said to have been so serious as to give rise to reports in Berlin that a revolution had broken out. The Berlin Post, commenting on this news, says: 'Russia is threatened with serious dangers; the lesson the trial of Vera Sassulitch affords will be fatal, if disregarded.' It is worthy of note that the Polish insurrection of 1863 was immediately preceded by the murder of Talkner, the Chief of the Secret Police. The telegrams to which we have just been referring are dated about one week later than the latest London mail advices to hand. Another London telegram dated the 19th April, asserts that 'the arsenal of Tophane has been removed to Scutari,' and that 'the Turkish people and army favour England.' Tophane is a suburb of Constantinople, and Scutari, to which place the arsenal has been removed, is on the other side of the Bosphorus. It was certainly not removed there to be out of the way of the British. These little movements indicate which way the wind blows. The pressure being brought to bear by the Russians on the Turks to compel the latter to evacuate their fortresses may be regarded as a comment upon them. A report was spread in the Colony yesterday that a telegram had been received stating that the Russians had occupied Gallipoli. It is almost needless to add that any such telegraphic advice would have been open to the gravest suspicion. The Turks have now strongly fortified the narrow approaches to Gallipoli, which are in addition commanded by the guns of British vessels of war stationed on each side of the Peninsula. As the occupation of Gallipoli by the Russians would imperil the communications of the British fleet in the Sea of Marmara, any Muscovite advance upon that point would result in the instant commencement of hostilities between England and Russia, and such an event as that is not likely to meet with announcement here through the medium of a single private telegram, the receiver of which nobody appears to know. Besides Russia has given a guarantee to England not to occupy Gallipoli.

PRIVATE telegrams received this morning point to a slightly quieter feeling at home as regards the political situation.

THE British ship Sir Harry Parkes reports having lost one man overboard during the passage.

THE M. M. steamer Yangtze, with the outward French and Australian mails, left Singapore this (Wednesday) morning.

At the Marine Court on Monday afternoon William Atkinson and John Atkinson, seamen belonging to the British steamer Dago, were ordered to forfeit 2 days' pay for refusal of duty.

THE winner of the Two Thousand Guineas is the mare Pilgrimage, described by competent authorities as "a rank outsider." These surprises visit equally the large and small sporting circles.

A cowpox at East Point belonging to Mr. Dorabjee, of the Hongkong Hotel, came to grief the night before last owing to inroads of white ants. The roof fell in with a crash about 2 a.m. yesterday morning, and the debris covered a quantity of cotton and fish which was stored therein. Fortunately it happened at night, or there might have been loss of life to deplore, as numbers of coolies are daily employed there.

We beg to draw attention to an advertisement in another column inviting shipowners and others who are desirous of giving evidence or expressing their views on the subject of the Merchant Shipping Consolidation Bill, now under the consideration of a Special Committee of the Legislative Council, to notify to the Clerk of Councils the particular points on which they wish to be heard in order that an opportunity may be afforded them of being in attendance when the proper time arrives.

THE Volunteer recruits mustered this afternoon opposite the Government Offices, and were divided into squads of about 25 each. The squads were then put through a few preliminary evolutions, and after taking the names of those who were willing to

attend the morning drills at 6 past 6 o'clock, they were dismissed. There were very few absentees.

We hear that a party of bathers met with a narrow escape yesterday afternoon near the Cap-sul-moon. The beach there, in many parts, is apparently an even slope, but two gentlemen while teaching another of the party to swim got suddenly out of their depth and all went down. Had it not been for the prompt assistance of one of the gentlemen, whom we hear displayed most commendable courage, and the smartness of the Chinese boatmen with a life-buoy, we should probably have had to record a most painful catastrophe. Rescuers had to be freely and vigorously used, and two of the party are still indisposed. We would warn bathers of these sudden pits or drops in the beach on this shore, which in so many cases have elsewhere proved fatal to non-swimmers.

THE Community have great reason to congratulate themselves upon the forward state of the defences of our little island. It has been very freely remarked—and we think with perfect truth—that a state of preparedness is all that is necessary to preclude the possibility of the visit of an enemy to Hongkong in the event of war. That state of preparedness has now been very nearly reached, and we are convinced that the Colonists will be gratified to learn that the work of defence has been proceeded with in a quiet and most workmanlike manner. A visit the other day to the Battery at North Point has considerably raised an already high opinion of our countrymen's power of doing thoroughly what their hand findeth to do; and it is with the conviction that the feeling of security will be deepened that we make an allusion to the present state of our defences to the eastward.

North Point, about half-way between the Clock Tower and the Lyee-moon, is a splendid site for a battery; and the opposite point (on the Kowloon side), known as Dock Point, is exactly the position which of all positions most entirely commands the Lyee-moon, or eastern entrance to our harbour. The battery on North Point, which is almost completed and ready for use, consists of five 4-ton shell guns, three of which are pivot guns, and so mounted that they can be trained all round and on either side of the promontory. The remaining two pieces are embrasure guns, one on either side of the Point, so that a steady running fire can always be directed from four guns (3 pivots and 1 embrasure) on either side of the battery, thus making a complete sweep of either the Lyee-moon side or the harbour side of the surface defended. These guns are all shell guns, with a range of three or four miles, and are also calculated to command the passes on Victoria Peak otherwise practicable for an enemy's attack by land; while the more powerful shot guns of the Dock Point Battery rake the passes at Wanchoi and Wong-nel-cheong. The latter-named battery is armed with five 64-ton shot guns of the most approved pattern, with a penetrating power at a range of 14 miles. As we have already hinted, an enemy's vessel would find some difficulty in keeping aloof under the fire of these guns, the muzzles of which point straight into the narrow mouth of the Lyee-moon, even presuming that the torpedoes had not already done their work ere the shot had time to take effect. North Point and Dock Point are each about two miles and a half from the Lyee-moon, and as will readily be seen rake every inch of surface not commanded by the forts more to the westward, of which we have already given a brief notice. Rifle pits are to be formed on the flanks of the North Point Battery, for the better protection of the fortification from an attack by landing parties; and altogether these two batteries facing each other across the Eastern Limit of Victoria Harbour are pieces of design and workmanship which would compare well with even hurriedly-constructed defences in any part of the world. Hongkong may well rest in peace, even in the midst of war.

HONG & Co.'s Weekly Shipping Report, Pagoda Anchorage, 18th May, 1878:—  
Arrivals During the Week.—May 11, Diomed, from Shanghai; 13, Willie, from Newchwang; 13, Europa, from Shanghai; 14, Holland, from Hongkong; 15, Yesso, from Hongkong; 17, Killarney, from Hongkong.  
Departures During the Week.—May 18, Douglas, for Hongkong; 14, Tah Yew, for Shanghai; 17, Diomed, for London; 17, Europa, for Shanghai.  
Shipping in Port.—Glenfalloch, Glenroy, Glenfinlas, Braemar Castle, Willie, Holland, Yesso, Killarney.

"WHAT does 'transatlantic' mean, mamma?" "Across the Atlantic, child." "Hold your tongue, and ask no more questions." "Then does 'transparent' mean a 'nude mamma'?" (Has to forfeit her slate, and stand in the corner.)—Fun.

THE REASON WHY.—A medical contemporary remarks that the muscles of the human jaw represent a power equal to the pressure of one hundred and twenty pounds. This probably accounts for the immense difficulty which some people experience in holding their tongues.



## INQUEST.

An inquest was held this afternoon at the Magistrate's, on the body of Sum Un-ohing, a prisoner in the Gaol, before the Coroner (C. V. Creagh, Esq.), and the following gentlemen as a Jury, Messrs J. Humby, C. Hurst, and J. N. Grossmann. The deceased was undergoing a sentence of six months' hard labour for larceny. He was sentenced on the 16th January of this year. His character was very indifferent, and he received the usual gaol punishment five times, but he was never flogged. He was admitted to Hospital on the 10th instant.

Dr Ayres proved the cause of death, which was disease of the heart. He said he made a report of the case to H. E. the Governor, but did not recommend his release as he had no friends and would not be likely to receive proper attention. There are several men in the Gaol suffering from the same complaint. The deceased had been twice in Hospital and was always under treatment as an out-patient. The Jury returned a verdict of death from natural causes.

## THE THUNDER AND RAIN STORM OF LAST NIGHT.

The thunder-storm of last night was one of the most terrific that has ever been experienced in this Colony, and as might have been expected has caused no little damage to property. We also regret to state that several lives were lost. The heavy rain experienced yesterday continued with little intermission until after 1 o'clock this morning, when it increased in violence and squalls became frequent. The lightning began to play continuously, about 2 o'clock, and it appeared as if the air was nothing but one mass of electricity; there was however no thunder at this time.

About 2 past 2 the lightning became more vivid and was of the most dangerous type, heavy peals of thunder succeeding one another in quick succession. The rain poured down in a perfect deluge, the whole town being almost enveloped in light owing to the continuous flashes of lightning which seemed not to cease even for one moment. The electric current appeared to travel from East to West, then back to East. The peals of thunder then ceased for a short time and there was a brief and deceptive lull, but at about 3 past 3 o'clock the storm resumed its fury with redoubled intensity. One peal of thunder was so terrific that it seemed to shake the whole city; it was short, and sharp, like the report of an 80-ton gun overhead. This morning we made a tour of inspection to ascertain the damage done. A number of boats had taken refuge in the Nullah at Wong-nel-choeng, East Point, and the heavy floods from the hills filling it to overflowing swept the boats from their moorings and carried them in a cluster against the parapet of the Praya bridge. Several boats were swept out into the Bay, and several capsized in the Nullah. One of the parapets of the bridge was carried away. It is estimated that about 40 boats came to grief, and that 20 or 30 people must have perished. Many of the unfortunates managed to clamber on shore across other boats, when their own boats were capsized. The Police only report three or four deaths, but we much fear that our estimate is too correct. The roads are cut up in all directions, exposing to view the gas and water-pipes. Wanchai Road, East Point, is torn in this way, as is also Centre Street, West Point. The gate of the Naval Hospital leading into the Wanchai Road has been completely washed away, and stones weighing nearly half a ton were hurled into the street a distance of about 80 feet. The back of all of the houses in the same neighbourhood, house full of men was badly injured. The sides of the Nullah at West Point adjoining Messrs Howard & Co.'s premises, have been washed away, and the water has found its way through the road, cutting its course to the foundation of some Chinese houses, when it was diverted by finding a new outlet. We have not heard of any loss of life in the Western portion of the island.

A street lamp opposite the Eastern Market was thrown down, while nearly all the houses at Wanchai were flooded. The upper roads—Robinson, Castle, and Cause Roads—are more or less torn up, and the pathway passing College Gardens has been ripped up by white ants. Above the path, on the Glenelg Road, a small landslide has brought down several trees into the roadway, and the wall, dividing the Blue Bungalow from the neighbouring villa came down with a crash. Probably the most serious damage, however, caused to foreign property is that which has befallen the villa known as Belmont. A large drain which runs underneath this house has burst, and the rush of water in its downward sweep has carried away a mass of the foundations; the result of which is that the walls of the house are cracked in several places. The grounds surrounding the building have been turned into a desert of sand, while the pathway leading up to the house is fearfully torn and shattered, with a number of open gapes on either side. This drain seems to us to be one of the old main drains from the higher level to the sea, some of which were entirely lost sight of some years since. As the owner of the property will probably have some ground of complaint against the Government, we refrain from prejudging the matter at present, and only remark that it is a very unfortunate affair altogether. Some idea of the enormous rainfall may be gathered from the fact that the official rain-gauge marked 24 inches, while unofficially it was 31 and 32 inches. We have heard of rain more than once in the colony in the last season.

cannot recall when heavy rain fell so continuously for so long a period.

The weather to the northward has been very bad. The S. S. Yesso reports having experienced similar weather last night to that which we had here, between this and Breaker Point, but she also experienced a heavy gale of wind, and there was every indication of a typhoon. The wind came in from the N.W., and worked round by N. to the S.E. The thunder and lightning is described as something terrific, and the sea was as light as day. Strange to say Canton escaped the storm. There was a little rain between 7 and 9 o'clock, but the remainder of the night was fine.

## Police Intelligence.

(Both Magistrates sitting.)

22nd May, 1878.

## UNLAWFUL POSSESSION.

Lau Aon, a coolie, was fined \$5 or 21 days' hard labour for having been found in the unlawful possession of a piece of lead at the Naval Yard.

Hun Ahung, a marine hawker, was fined \$2 or ten days' hard labour for having been found in the unlawful possession of some hoop iron.

## FALSE CHARGE.

Kan Aon, a rattle-cutter, was sent to 14 days' hard labour and ordered to pay \$3 to one Lum Atai, a cooper, for having brought a wilful false charge against him. He said the man with two others beat him with iron rods without any provocation.

## PICKING POCKETS.

Ng Afat, a coolie, pleaded guilty to stealing a purse containing \$5 and some cents from the person of a seaman named Hans Anderson. There were several previous convictions against the prisoner, and Mr Creagh therefore remanded him to enable enquiries to be made as to his antecedents.

## SUPREME COURT.

IN CRIMINAL SESSIONS.

(Before Acting Chief Justice Snowden.)

May 22, 1878.

The following gentlemen were empanelled as a Jury, Messrs A. de Britto, H. Miller, W. Dolan, J. H. Cox, G. S. Yull, C. Danenberg, and H. E. Braddon. The Attorney General (the Hon. G. Philippo) appeared to prosecute.

*Regina v. Wong Ayan.*  
The prisoner was indicted for stealing an opium pipe and on three previous convictions. He was found guilty and sentenced to 2 months' hard labour.

*Regina v. Choo Aing.*  
The prisoner was indicted for stealing a jacket, and for 6 previous convictions. The Jury found him guilty and he was sentenced to 4 years' penal servitude.

Wong Ahuk, who was found guilty on Monday of stealing a jacket valued at 20 cents, was sentenced to 2 months' hard labour; and Chan Muk Yan, who was found guilty yesterday of receiving goods fraudulently stolen, was sent to 2 years' imprisonment with hard labour.

This concluded the Sessions.

## CORRESPONDENCE.

## THE VOLUNTEERS.

To the Editor of the "CHINA MAIL."

Hongkong, May 22, 1878.

Sir,—I cannot but admire the metal (mettle) and pluckiness of "A. Scot" (who writes to your contemporary this morning) who desired to appear on a first parade (in Hongkong) in yesterday's dawn. "A. Scot" must fancy he is ignorant of the fact that wet weather is usually avoided for drilling "regulars" in the open, as it often costs the men, out of their own pockets I believe, a small sum for cleaning uniform accoutrements &c. afterwards; when "A. Scot" finds this applies to him also as a "Volunteer" it may perhaps damp his ardor more than the rain.

I am Sir, Yours &c.,

"BANG GOES A SAXPENCE."

P. S.—If "A. Scot" really desired a wetting why did he not take a quiet stroll between 1 and 2 o'clock this morning.

To the Editor of the "CHINA MAIL."

Hongkong, May 22, 1878.

Sir,—Allow me to suggest that the well-wishers to the Volunteer Movement, having had their say and aired their *non-de-plume* should now desist from writing and grumbling, and show what they can do in the way of work.

Those who do not wish well to the scheme, would also now do well, to wait and see what a twelve-months' training can do, instead of writing such senseless letters as that which appeared in your contemporary of this morning.

A BRITON.

## China.

FOOCHOW.

(Herald, May 16th.)

Our readers' will, we are sure, unite in an expression of regret at the prospect of an early closing of the Foochow Native Hospital. Since the lamented death of Dr David Manson, whose interest in the Hospital was of the most active and untiring character, this useful and benevolent institution has, we understand, in great measure ceased to afford medical and surgical relief to native sufferers. We presume that this is to a large extent unavoidable, from the fact of there now being only one medical practitioner in the Settlement, whose time, we can well imagine, is fully occupied in attendance on foreign patients. If these untoward circumstances should render imperative—as we hear is probable—the absolute closing of the Hospital, it would be very unfortunate, and we believe that the entire community would deplore such an unwelcome necessity.

See—New Season's Congo from the Peking districts commenced to arrive freely

towards the close of last week, followed by a moderate supply of leaf from the Peh Yung, Sa Yung, Sney Kut, Yung How, Tong Hing Tong, and Wong Tol districts, total arrivals to date amounting to about 54,000 chests against barely 2,000 chests at corresponding period of last year. A few irregular purchases of Peking kinds were reported early in the current week, but buying did not become general until yesterday, when settlements were declared at the following rates:—Pehling Tia. 24 a 34, Sa Yung Tia. 21 a 25, Pan Yung Tia. 23 a 37, and Sney Kut Tia. 23 a 24. So far, therefore, operations have been entirely confined to parcels from the lower districts, and at prices much on a par with last season's opening rates. With the exception of a few chests of Pehling, Pan Yung, and Sa Yung, the average of musters hitherto shown may be characterized as deficient in sterling quality, and, at best, only equal to last season's admittedly inferior yield. As none of the upper districts has yet arrived, it is possible that there may be a surprise in store for expectant buyers; but even at this early stage of the new season it is certainly disappointing to find that we are not any nearer the old, and it is much to be feared, almost forgotten standard of quality.

Settlements of Congo since 1st May 1878, chests, at Tia. 21 a 37 per picul, (short).  
Total arrivals of Congo... 54,105 chests.  
Settlements... 18,445

Stock, 40,552 chests.  
Total arrivals of Oolong... 222 chests.  
Settlements... 222 chests.

Opium.—14 chests of Persian drug have been re-exported to Amoy. Market quiet but steady.

Lead.—A few barter transactions against tea are reported; but sales for cash are difficult.

Freight.—To London—per steamer—£4. 10 per ton of 40 feet. The S. S. *Diomed* had taken 23 per ton of 40 feet.

Vessels loading.—For London.—Steamships *Diomed* (under despatch) *Glenfith*, *Glenfalloch*, *Glenroy*, *Bramar Castle*, and *Holland*.

Vessels expected to load.—For London.—Steamships *Benarty*, and *Wiltshire*. For Australia.—Steamships *Killarney*, *Ocean*, and *Brisbane*.

## SPURIOUS TEA.

In our last issue, we called attention to certain attempted adulteration of the new season's tea. All endeavors to detect the purveyors and guilty purchasers of the spurious leaf in question, have, so far, we understand, proved unavailing. But through the valiant and timely aid of H. B. M.'s Consul at this port, who lost no time in communicating with the Provincial Governor, the following stringent Proclamation has been issued, warning the people against the malpractice complained of, and offering a reward for the apprehension of guilty parties to the threatened frauds:—

"I, Pao, by Imperial Appointment Acting Lieutenant-Governor of Fuhkien, issue the above proclamation for the arrest [of certain offenders].  
Whereas information has reached me that lately certain counterfeiting villains, knowing the difficulty of detecting the admixture of young willow leaves dried and prepared with genuine tea—were, in their greed for gain, only awaiting the arrival of the new season's tea to make this admixture.  
Whereas moreover the new season's tea will shortly be pouring into Foochow in all directions from the various tea-districts, the immediate apprehension [of the above mentioned malefactors] and the suppression [of the fraud] is much to be desired, to the end that the guilty may be punished and the merchants protected.

Therefore, besides giving orders for a rigid and secret search for and punishment [of the offenders], I issue this prohibitory proclamation to inform all classes that these seditious and dishonest scoundrels are uniting together to make false tea with a view to defrauding the merchants and to bringing [the trade]. Their crime is therefore very great.  
Whereas their accomplices who may repent of their past misdeeds, and wish to turn over a new leaf (lit: wash their heart and strip the skin from their face), I am willing to pardon, and to overlook what has gone before. But if, after this Proclamation has been issued, they continue to offend and will not change their conduct, when complaint is made of them or they are discovered and brought up for trial, I shall assuredly give instructions for an augmented punishment and will not abate one jot of it.

I am informed that the persons in Foochow who are at the head of this fabrication of spurious tea, are few in number; if therefore any man can bring one of them bound to my Kamid, and the denunciation prove to be true, a reward of \$100 will be given. Any person laying an information against one of these principal offenders will on its being verified receive a reward of \$50. Nevertheless, people must not, to gratify a grudge, bring false accusations,—should this happen the informer shall himself receive the punishment.

"Let all, trembling, obey without fail.  
"A very important Proclamation!"  
"10th May, 1878."

H. B. M.'s Consul has further, we believe, requested His Excellency the Governor to issue instructions to the heads of departments in the upper tea-growing districts, to put out a similarly worded document.—*Foochow Herald.*

## DIARY OF THE EASTERN QUESTION.

(Compiled from the London Daily Papers.)

FRIDAY, April 5.—The Continental press continues to criticize Lord Salisbury's Despatch. At Vienna it is much applauded by all the papers. It is stated by the Paris Temps that no Power has yet entered upon fresh negotiations with a view to the meeting of the Congress, and that none are likely to be officially attempted until General Ignatieff returns to Vienna. Austria, the Temps adds, seems to have made up her mind to accept no combination offered by Russia alone, and it may therefore be hoped, it says, that Russia will submit to a complete discussion of the Treaty of San Stefano, rather than make into a war at the risk of utterly exhausting her already diminished resources. It was reported at Vienna yesterday that Germany is making every effort to bring about an understanding between Austria and Russia, but the results of the efforts were not known. One of Count Andrássy's requirements is that the negotiation of the crisis of Bulgaria shall be

a European one. It is asserted at Constantinople that the Turkish authorities are changing their views in favour of Russia, and that the English influence is declining. In consequence of the alteration in the Sultan's disposition, Ministerial modifications may be expected. The Morning Advertiser's Vienna correspondent says that in consequence of the avowal of the source of information of Sir Henry Elliot respecting the Bessarabian question the Roumanian Envoy at St. Petersburg and at Vienna have tendered their resignations. Russia and Roumania are now so hopelessly antagonistic that M. Bratianu, the Prime Minister of the principality, openly declares that his mission to Vienna is to establish as close a connection with Austria as possible, and that a protectorate should be established, although not an incorporation with the Empire. Roumania offers, if M. Bratianu's suggestion be listened to, a contingent of 60,000 trained troops in case of war. Although no definitive answer has been given, it is believed that the Hungarian Parliament will pass a joint resolution urging the Government to resist the demand of Russia for Moldavia Bessarabia. The Greek insurgents have been repulsed at Matrangas, and have had to retreat. Italian war vessels have been sent to the coasts of the insurgent provinces to rescue women and children. It is announced from Berlin that a German ironclad squadron will proceed to the East early next month.

Saturday, April 6.—The discussion of the English Note is still proceeding throughout the Continent, especially in St. Petersburg, whence we hear that, from a Russian point of view, General Ignatieff's mission was successful, because he achieved his object of ascertaining the Austrian objections to the Treaty of San Stefano. The Agency Russo regrets that England has not followed the same course as Austria, and made known her proposals as well as her objections, to ascertain which was precisely the object of the Congress. It adds the Agency that it proposes, then the proposals of England and Austria might serve to pave the way for a common understanding.

Prince Gortchakoff, according to the Daily Chronicle's special correspondent at St. Petersburg, will shortly issue a circular note in reply to Lord Salisbury. The tenor of the note is to be argumentative and peaceable. The Russian officials and the people are said to be growing more inclined to a peaceful solution of the differences between the two countries. The North German Gazette declares that Germany's special interests are not affected by the Treaty, and expresses a hope that the common desire for peace will bring to a reconciliation interests which are now conflicting. Throughout Hungary there is an increasing sympathy for an alliance with England. It is stated by the Temps that, notwithstanding Germany's efforts to bring about an arrangement between Russia and Austria, the latter Power seems determined to follow in the course taken by England to defend the European rights. Roumania's protest against the San Stefano Treaty was published in full by the Politische Correspondent of Vienna last night. The points objected to are:—The compulsory retrocession of Bessarabia, the mode of fixing the Roumanian war indemnity, and the right of the Russians to keep open her communications through Roumanian territory. With regard to Bessarabia, the Roumanian Note points out that this is not a local question, but one which was decided by the whole of Europe in 1859, having regard to the balance of power in a region in which all Europe has an interest.—Count Andrássy, the Vienna correspondent of the Daily Chronicle telegraphs, has promised M. Bratianu to protest against the Russian settlement down in Roumania, or occupying it against the will or without the consent of Prince Charles and his Government. It is officially stated that there are thirty thousand Turkish troops in Thessaly. The insurgents, however, still hold their positions, and do not despair of victory. The headless body of Mr Ogilvie has been found and taken to Volo, whence it will be sent to Athens for interment. Orders are reported to have been sent by the Serbian Government to the officers temporarily commanding the Yavor Army, to march with his division of sixteen battalions and eight batteries of artillery, and take up a position at the confluence of the Drina and Save. Measures are being taken into the consideration of the Indian Government with regard to the present claims in Europe. The steps taken will, however, be purely of a precautionary character.

Monday, April 8.—The Russian papers comment bitterly upon Lord Salisbury's circular as meaning that the Treaty of San Stefano will have to be entirely withdrawn. They say that the whole country must rise in 1812 in order to defend the national honour and existence. In Berlin, however, an opinion prevails that Russia will yield, not only upon the question of the Congress, but also upon the more essential objections made by Lord Salisbury to the Treaty of San Stefano. Last night a report reached Berlin that the moderate party in Russia is prevailing, and that the Czar is about to address an autograph letter to the German Emperor soliciting his mediation with the Powers, in order to bring about an agreement on the understanding that Russia would submit the whole of the Treaty of San Stefano to a Congress, and would accept such alterations as might be made by the Powers which signed the Treaty of Paris, offering to admit modifications as regards the new Bulgaria. The Paris correspondent of the Temps, who pretends to have had an interview with the Roumanian Premier, says M. Tisa announced that, if necessary, Austria-Hungary would go to war rather than permit the establishment of a Slav on the south-eastern frontier. Prince Charles of Roumania is said to have replied to the threats of the Russian Government by declaring that his army might be crushed, but that so long as he lived it should not be disbanded. His words have aroused intense enthusiasm throughout the country and the army. Bertha and Montenegro, according to a telegram from Berlin from the special correspondent of the Daily Chronicle, have decided to enter into an alliance with Russia against Austria. At Belgrade the Serbian Government has said to have openly declared this intention. In return Austria promises money, arms, and ammunition. It is stated in a Constantinople telegram that the Russians have renewed their request for permission to embark their troops at Bujukdere, on the ground that it is impossible to do so at San Stefano, and that all idea of doing so has been abandoned. The Turkish forces in the neighbourhood of Constantinople and Gallipoli are said to number 240 battalions. The idea of an alliance between Russia and Turkey seems to be fading. The Standard Constantinople

correspondent telegraphs that the Khedive has informed the Porte that if such an alliance be made as against England Egypt will immediately declare her independence. This question is regarded as depending upon the question whether any change be made in the Turkish Ministry—a matter which is placed in abeyance by the apparently sudden indisposition of Ahmed Vefik, who seems to have sent in his resignation to the Sultan, though there is no announcement of its having been accepted—a step against which Mr Layard has spoken to the Sultan.

Tuesday, April 9.—At Vienna it is generally believed that Russia has made up her mind to agree to a Congress on the English conditions and is only awaiting a proposal being made from some quarter. From Pesth we hear that Prince Gortchakoff has decided to postpone his reply to the Austrian objections until England has formulated a positive programme against the Treaty. When these are combined he will endeavour to find a basis for an understanding. The Paris correspondent of the Daily Telegraph says Austria has informed the Porte that she cannot approve any arrangement which will place Bulgaria solely under Russian administration, and that she has no intention of occupying Bosnia or the Herzegovina, which, besides requiring a force of 60,000 men, would be a source of great and increasing trouble. The Italian Chamber of Deputies commenced yesterday a debate on five interpellations respecting the Eastern policy of the Government. Signor Musolino brought forward a motion calling on the Ministry to support the Congress proposal and to uphold the Treaty of Paris and the London Convention. It is expected that the Foreign Minister will reply to-day. Meanwhile the Opinions publishes an article which fairly describes the attitude of Italy. She does not approve the Treaty of San Stefano, but finds nothing in it to make her depart from her neutral policy. Her part will be to assist in modifying the Treaty so as to secure the autonomy of the Balkan peninsula, and the formation of a Greek Kingdom strong enough to neutralise Russian preponderance. The latest intelligence from Constantinople does not look favourable to the suggested Russo-Turkish alliance. The Sultan has sent Salvet Pacha to the Grand Duke to inquire when the Russians would evacuate the positions they now hold within the line of demarcation prescribed by the Treaty. In reply his Imperial Highness pointed to the continued presence of the British fleet in Turkish waters. The Turkish newspapers, however, have been ordered to cease attacking England. All attempts to raise a Russian loan for three hundred million roubles have proved abortive. The well-known banking firm of Mendelssohn was entrusted with the enterprise, but signally failed either to obtain the countenance of politicians or induce speculators or financiers to entertain the matter. This is attributed to the policy of England, which is believed at Paris to imply warlike proceedings.

Wednesday, April 10.—Prince Gortchakoff's reply to the Circular of Lord Salisbury has been received and published. It contradicts various assertions in that Circular, lays stress on the statement that the Treaty is merely a preliminary instrument, and shows that the Articles are vaguely drawn up with a view to their revision by a European Congress. The Continental newspapers are discussing the debates in the two Houses on Monday night, but their opinions are somewhat at variance. At Berlin the speeches are regarded as indicating a change in the political situation in favour of peace, but at Vienna they are thought to throw the Congress proposal into the background. Both the Italian and Hungarian Parliaments were engaged yesterday in discussing the situation. In the former Signor Corti declined to reply to the question whether he would advise union with England and Austria with a view to obtain modifications of the Treaty. At Pesth Herr Tisa promised to adopt every pacific means to protect the interests of the Monarchy, but intimated that he would not shrink from war. The Roumanian Government has sent a Note to St. Petersburg pointing out that in no grave a question as that of the cession of Bessarabia, guaranteed to the Principality by all the European Powers, oral declarations are liable to misconstruction and a written statement is desirable. Advice from Thessaly and Epirus show that the insurrection is subsiding. The Turkish regular troops are gradually forcing the insurgents to retire upon Greek soil. All the stories of massacres, great fights, and other like reports are, the Daily Telegraph's correspondent says, the merest inventions. The Daily News special correspondent recently with the Cretan insurgents telegraphs that when he left the island the Turks were still too weak to make any forward movement. The general feeling was in favour of union with Greece, but the Cretans felt that they must accept whatever England decided upon for them.

Thursday, April 11.—The Russian reply to the English Note is criticised in every place where its outline has been published. At Berlin it has not been received with unqualified satisfaction, and is thought to avoid any positive suggestion for complying with the English objections to the Treaty. At Paris it is regarded as having entirely failed to meet the issue raised by England, but also as showing that Russia is beginning to feel that she has gone too far. At Pesth it is believed that the prospects of peace have not been improved by this latest addition to the diplomatic correspondence, and the Ministerial journals still urge that the Treaty must be modified. The aspect of affairs is to-day decidedly more warlike. The Grand Duke is putting renewed pressure on the Porte with reference to giving up to the Russians the forts on the Bosphorus, and so much danger is felt by the Porte that at the Turkish entrenched camps great military preparations are being actively pursued. Ahmed Vefik Pacha, the Turkish Premier, has regained his health. In the neighbourhood of Constantinople a review of 20,000 men will be held to-day. A telegram from Bucharest, published by a Vienna paper, states that Russian troops have begun to advance from Kustendil to Giurgievo, in order to occupy the line from the latter place to Bucharest. The Roumanian Government, it is added, contradicts the news, in order to avoid alarming the public mind. The stay of M. Bratianu at Berlin will be prolonged for some days to come; and it is reported that he has met with more reserve than he expected on the subject of the Roumanian claims. The Senate had a discussion on the subject yesterday, when the Foreign Minister explained that this mission was for the defence of the rights of the country. However, pending the Envoy's return, no decision was come to, although it was pointed out that Russia had already commenced to put her threats into execution. In the neighbour-

hood of Volo, in Thessaly, many arrests of persons, supposed to be concerned in the recent rising, are being made. Eight thousand more refugees are reported to have arrived in Greece from the villages destroyed by the Turks in Thessaly.

## Quotations.

HONGKONG, May 22, 1878.

OPIMUM.—New Patna, cash... 582 1/2 a 585 credit.  
" Old Patna, cash... None credit.  
" New Benares, cash... 562 1/2 a 565 credit.  
" Old Benares, cash... None credit.  
" New Malwa, cash... 750 credit.  
" Allowance Taela, 12 a 24 credit.  
" Old Malwa, cash... None credit.  
" Allowance Taela... credit.

CAMPFIRE, ... 16.75 a 17.00

QUICKSILVER, ... 60.00 a 61.00

SALTPETRE, ... 6.25 a 6.30

## Exchange.

Bank, on demand, ... 3/10 1/2  
" 30 days' sight, ... 3/10 1/2  
" 6 months' sight, ... 3/11 1/2  
Credits, ... 3/11 1/2  
Bombay, demand Rupees, ... 228  
Calcutta, demand, ... 711  
Shanghai, demand, ... 724  
Bar Silver, 17, dwts. B., ... 10 1/2  
Sycee, ... 8 1/2  
Mexicans, ... 14 p. c. pm.  
Gold Leaf, ... 26  
English Sovereigns, ... 5.07  
Australian Sovereigns, ... 5.07  
Discount, ... 7 to 9 %

## Shares.

Hongkong Bank, 62 1/2 prem.  
Union Ins. Society of Canton, \$1,325  
China Traders' Ins. Co., \$1,800  
Chinese Insurance Co., \$273  
Yongtong Ins. Assoc., Tia. 645  
North China Ins. Co., Tia. 980  
H.K. Fire Ins. Co., \$700  
China Fire Ins. Co., \$182  
H.K. & W. Dock Co., 9 % prem.  
S.K. & C. S. S. Boat Co., \$5 dm.  
Shanghai Steam Navigation, Tia. 21  
Hongkong Gas Co., \$76  
Hongkong Hotel Co., \$55  
China Sugar Refining Co., 8 % prem.  
Chinese Imperial Loan, \$104.  
Do. of 1877, \$102.10.

## Temperature.

(Taken at Messrs Falconer & Co.'s Premises Queen's Road.)

HONGKONG, May 22, 1878.  
BAROMETER—9 A.M. ... 29.830  
Do. 1 P.M. ... 29.790  
Do. 4 P.M. ... 29.760  
THERMOMETER—9 A.M. ... 84  
Do. 1 P.M. ... 84  
Do. 4 P.M. ... 85  
Do. (Wet bulb) 9 A.M. ... 82  
Do. Do. 1 P.M. ... 84  
Do. Do. 4 P.M. ... 88  
Do. Maximum ... 85  
Do. Minimum over night ... 77

## Shipping Intelligence.

The following is corrected from the latest London and Colonial Papers, &c.—

## VESSELS TO ARRIVE

AT HONGKONG.

When left. Name. From. Remarks.

Oct. 10, Oscar, Hamburg

Nov. 2, Minna, London

3, Elizabeth Shields, Hamburg

20, Jetti, Cardiff

Dec. 1, Glangaber, Flushing

2, Otto, Hamburg

10, Sedan, Cardiff

23, J. R. Worcester, London

26, G. B. S., Liverpool

Jan. 8, Korso, Penarth

13, Elveto, Cardiff

17, Hylton Castle, Greenock

27, Belle of Oregon, Liverpool

27, Earl of Devon, Antwerp

30, Elizabeth Childs, Plymouth

31, Wandring Fox, Penarth

Feb. 2, Per Ardua, London

7, Nourmahal, London

8, Lodore, Falmouth

9, Hedwig, Cardiff

11, Channel Queen, Cardiff

21, Magdala, Cardiff

21, Elveto, Penarth

23, Eleazar, Sydney

24, Emeralds, Cardiff

28, Highlander, New York

Mar. 8, Prince Amadeo, Cardiff

9, Francis B. Fay, Sydney

11, Mabel Clark, Liverpool

9, Josephus, Penarth

12, Penarth, London

14, Bertha Bigelow, Flushing

14, Landsea, Liverpool

19, C. L. Pearson, Newcastle (s.s.w.)



## MAILS.

**NOTICE.**  
COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.  
PAQUEBOTS POSTE FRANÇAIS.  
STEAM FOR  
SAIGON, SINGAPORE, BATAVIA,  
POINT DE GALLE,  
ADEN, SUEZ, ISMAÏLIA, PORT  
SAID, NAPLES, AND  
MARSAILLES;  
Also,  
PONDICHERY, MADRAS, CAL-  
CUTTA, AND BOMBAY.

ON SATURDAY, the 25th May, 1878, at Noon, the Company's S. S. **TIGRE**, Commandant LOHMEYER, with PASSENGERS, SPECIES, and CARGO, will leave this Port for the above places.

Cargo and Specie will be registered for London as well as for Marseilles, and accepted in transit through Marseilles for the principal places of Europe.

Cargo will be received on board until 4 p.m., Specie and Parcels until 3 p.m. on the 24th May, 1878. (Parcels are not to be sent on board; they must be left at the Agency's Office.)

Contents and value of Packages are required. For further particulars, apply at the Company's Office.

H. DU POUHEY,  
Agent.  
Hongkong, May 15, 1878. my25

## Occidental &amp; Oriental Steam-Ship Company.

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Freight will be received on Board until 4 p.m. of the 26th May. PARCEL PACKAGES will be received at the Office until 5 p.m. same day; all Parcel Packages should be marked to address in full; value of same is required.

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G. B. EMORY, Agent.  
Hongkong, May 20, 1878. my27



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Ancona, Venice, Mediterranean  
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and London direct,  
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A. LIND, Superintendent.  
Hongkong, May 18, 1878. jel

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RUSSELL & Co., Agents.  
Hongkong, May 20, 1878.

## Intimations.

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**NOTICE.**  
OFFICE OF THE YANGTZE INSURANCE ASSOCIATION.

SHANGHAI, April 20th, 1878.

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Hongkong, October 27, 1874.

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POLICIES against FIRE granted on Buildings and on Goods stored therein at CURRENT RATES, subject to Discount of 20% on the Premium.

OFFICE, Nos. 8 and 9, Praya West.  
Hongkong, August 23, 1877. an23

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INCORPORATED BY ROYAL CHARTER of His Majesty King George The Third, A. D. 1720.

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Policies at current rates payable either here, in London, or at the principal Ports of India, China and Australia.

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Policies issued for sums not exceeding £4,000 at reduced rates.

HOLLIDAY, WISE & Co.,  
Hongkong, July 25, 1877.

MANCHESTER FIRE ASSURANCE COMPANY OF MANCHESTER AND LONDON.

THE Underigned have been appointed Agents for the above Company, at Hongkong, Canton, Foochow, Shanghai and Macao, and are prepared to grant Insurances at current rates.

HOLLIDAY, WISE & Co.,  
Hongkong, October 14, 1864.

## Merchant Vessels in Hongkong Harbour.

Exclusive of late Arrivals and Departures reported to-day.

To facilitate finding the position of any vessel in the Harbour, the Anchorage is divided into eight Sections, commencing at the Green Island. Vessels near the Hongkong shore are marked A., near the Kowloon shore B., and those in the body of the Harbour or midway between each shore are marked C., in conjunction with the figures denoting the sections.

Section.  
1. From Green Island to the Gas Works.  
2. From Gas Works to the Novelty Iron Works.  
3. From Novelty Iron Works to the Harbour Master's Office.  
4. From Harbour Master's Office to the P. and O. Co.'s Office.  
5. From P. and O. Co.'s Office to Peddar's Wharf.  
6. From Peddar's Wharf to the Naval Yard.  
7. From Naval Yard to the Pier.  
8. From Pier to East Point.

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